

MINUTES OF THE HIGH COUNTRY RC&D BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 17, 2009

Those Present: See attached list

Chairman Dave Radford called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. He welcomed everyone in attendance.

Minutes of meeting on 1-29-09: Minutes from last meeting were passed out. Brett made a motion to approve the minutes. Wayne Second. Minutes were approved.

Budget and Financial Report: Lou passed out the financial report. The RC&D operating budget as of 9-17-09 is \$13,918.10. Wayne made a motion to accept the financial report as given. Brett seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Projects Proposals: Fremont County Fair board sent in an amended request to help find \$350,000.00 in grant money for their new metal bleachers. Wayne made the motion to turn the project over to the RC&D board for grant assistance. Lou Second. Motion passed.

Driggs Skate park Lighting proposal was passed out. Michelle made a motion to aid Driggs in finding grant funds for their timed lights. Kent Second the motion. Lou abstained. Motion Passed.

City of Ashton Recycling Program proposal was passed out. The board requested to research it further for more information, and bring it to the next meeting.

Report on the National RC&D Conference:

- **Michelle Reported:** The overall feeling of the conference was on the underperforming RC&D Boards. They were pushing that all RC&D boards be member of the Circle of Diamonds. She was able to attend workshops on the Rules and Responsibilities for new members where they focused on lobbying skills. She also attended a workshop on working with partners in Rural Development, and a workshop on Food and Nutrition for Economic Development.
- **Boyd Reported:** He was able to attend workshops on Climate change and mitigation with Carbon Credits, a workshop on renewable energy with wind power using biomass generators, and a workshop on waste water management and resources.
- **Dave Reported:** Our board is probably meeting the qualifications to be a circle of Diamonds member. He requested that we look at the criteria for next meeting and see how close we are to applying. Dave was able to attend a workshop on Allegheny Geotrail or GeoCashing, a workshop on an ethanol plant in Iowa, a waste day workshop, a landowner wind association presentation, and a firewise presentation.

At the conference Michelle Herrington was able to set up a meeting with Members of Western Wyoming RC&D to discuss their wiliness to partner with the High Country RC&D Cloud Seeding program. The meeting was successful and they will remain in touch.

RC&D Area Plan: Steve Smart handed out the draft area plans. A review was done. Each board member needs to look over the draft and within the next three to four weeks, get back to Steve with their comments. The Plan needs to be ready to adopt at the next meeting.

RC&D Annual Tour: Annual tour will be held in Custer County on September 17, 2009. They plan to tour the Skate Park, Veterans memorial, and the mine. Wayne will get with Tammy to put together an agenda and figure out a place to eat lunch.

HCRC&D Administrative Assistants Report: Tammy is working Thursday's and working on project support and financial support. Shawnee has updated the website and providing project support. She will be at the office to answer the phone most of the week.

Project Updates:

- **Cloud Seeding:** Idaho Power plans to donate seven additional remote generators for the 2009-2010 project. The plan is to move the project to a more science based project. Maps were handed out to look at the watershed opportunities in the HCRC&D area and the placement possibilities of the new generators.
- **CWMA's:** Projects are in full swing and many counties have been allotted the money to buy herbicide for the ongoing projects. Biological Control's were purchased with a new supplier saving money for the project. Goat Grazing has started for the hold the line project, however they are having problem with wolves. Helicopter drops for Leafy spurge biological controls will happen later this month, and Kris Milgate from Channel 6 will be there to report.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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June 25, 2009

COUNTY

Bonneville
Butte
Clark
Custer
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Madison
Teton
Teton, WY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dave Radford
Absent
Allyn May
Wayne Butts
Absent
Michelle Harrington
Brett Barslou
Kimber Ricks
Lou Christensen
Boyd Bowles

AGENCIES & OTHERS

Tammy Egbert, RC&D program Asst.
Steve Smart, NRCS-RC&D, Rexburg
Shawnee Orr, RC&D program Asst.

SPONSORS

Pete McGarry, Mud Lake SWCD
Mel Briggs, Jefferson SWCD
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Robbie Taylor, Madison and Clark SCD's